

MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
October 7, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING

Council President Ralph Duckwall called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hunt – Present
Councilwoman Harp – Present
Councilman Boyer – Present
Councilman McAuliffe – Present
Councilman Wiles – Present
Councilwoman Mull – Present
Councilman Duckwall – Present

President Duckwall stated that this meeting of the Council was to work on budget cuts. There were 4 - 5 salary increases that the Council will revisit and a summary of changes and amounts that will be cut from the budgets.

Councilwoman Mull asked if there was an oversight on raises and President Duckwall stated there were no raises given but there were a few adjustments that were made and need to be changed. President Duckwall also stated that this was not an easy task as they have no other option than to take some positions to part time and have to let some go altogether.

Clerk – 2 positions	\$78,431
Auditor – 1 position	\$39,215
Prosecutor – 1 position	\$39,215
EMA – 1 position to pt time	\$18,339
Plan & Zone – 1 position to pt time	\$21,333
Surveyor – 1 position to pt time	\$17,696.80
Museum – 3 positions	\$123,891.50
Env. Health – 1 position to pt time	\$20,404
Recorder – 1 position to pt time	\$19,745.45

Recorder Brenda Weaver asked Councilman Duckwall if they were cutting her 1st Deputy to part time. Recorder Weaver informed him that her office is a constitutional office and he could not do that.

Veteran – 1 position	\$39,216.70
Probation – 1 position	\$41,540.41
Commissioners – 1 position(IT)	\$44,276.34
Soil & Water	\$6,450
Assessor – move 1 to reassessment	\$45,093.98
Highway – 1 to pt time	\$12,918
Highway Engineer – 1 position	\$69,293
Total	\$637,059.10

Councilman McAuliffe asked if they could use some money out of C.E.D.I.T. Councilman Duckwall stated that using C.E.D.I.T. money to fund some of the budgets wasn't discussed.

Councilman Boyer asked about raising the C.O.I.T tax. Councilman Duckwall stated that it is an option they could look at. Councilman Boyer replied that he thought they ought to look at it. Councilwoman Mull asked what we would get if we did raise the C.O.I.T. Duckwall and Boyer agreed it would bring in approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000.

Councilman McAuliffe asked if the employees affected would be able to work until the end of the year. Councilman Duckwall said that the Board of Commissioners need to look at that. Councilman McAuliffe stated that the salaries have been appropriated until the end of the year. Councilman Duckwall stated that didn't mean much if there was not enough money.

Recorder Weaver stated that the Council did not cut the 1st Deputy in the Assessor's office and that office is not a constitutional office. Her office is a constitutional office and they are cutting her 1st Deputy to part time. She takes it personal.

Kris Marks, EMA Director, also asked why his office was cut. His office gets reimbursement so the County would not gain that much from switching her to part time.

Clerk 01	
01	174,460
02	3,000
03	13,505
04	0
Total	191,060

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend the Clerk (Circuit) budget to \$191,060. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Superior Courts I & II	
01	107,196
02	3,000
03	500
04	0
Total	110,696

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend Superior Courts I & II to 110,696. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Auditor	
01	147,132
02	0
03	2,423
04	0
Total	149,555

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend Auditor's budget to 149,555. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Recorder	
01	58,755
02	0
03	0
04	0
Total	58,755

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend the Clerk (Circuit) budget to \$191,060. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (Hunt, Boyer, McAuliffe)

Commissioners	
01	2,480,340
02	50,000
03	898,250
04	169,000
Total	3,597,590

.Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Commissioner's budget to 3,597,590. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Assessor		
01	40,500	
02	1,000	
03	2,800	
04	0	

Total 44,300

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Assessor's budget to 44,300. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained)..

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey stating he is losing 1 position from the Prosecutor's budget and last year he lost a position in Deferral. Public safety will be in jeopardy because he will not have enough staff to process paperwork within the 48 hour it should be processed. If someone in his office goes on vacation it cuts too deep. He needs to keep 3 people in his office at all times.

Prosecutor		
01	41,786	
02	0	
03	0	
04	0	

Total 41,786

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to amend Prosecutor's budget to 41,786. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Mull, McAuliffe).

Probation		
01	170,417	
02	500	
03	4,125	
04	0	

Total 175,042

Councilman Hunt made a motion to amend the Probation budget to \$175,042. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Drug & Alcohol		
01	41,541	
02	2,500	
03	14,000	
04	0	

Total 58,041

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Drug & Alcohol budget to 58,041. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Plan & Zone		
01	56,210	
02	0	
03	27,000	
04	0	

Total 83,210

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend the Plan & Zone budget to \$83,210. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (Hunt, Mull, McAuliffe)

Tammy Gamble, Plan & Zone, stated that she was told since both positions in that office is paid \$28,000, the Council would leave the full \$56,000 in their budget.

Veteran Office		
01	27,295	
02	1,800	

03	2,750
04	0
Total	31,845

Councilman Wiles made a motion to amend the Veteran budget to \$31,845. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Mull, McAuliffe).

EMA	
01	52,679
02	925
03	24,250
04	0
Total	87,854

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend EMA budget to 87,854. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 4-3 (McAuliffe, Hunt, Mull).

Councilman McAuliffe stated that if you had ever been at the scene of an accident you would know what EMA does as first responders.

Kris Marks asked the Council to please reconsider taking his assistant to part time. Councilwoman Harp stated they didn't intend for this to be forever, just until the County gets back on her feet. Councilwoman Harp thanked all the department who have been willing to work with the Council.

Soil & Water	
01	34,286
02	0
03	0
04	0
Total	34,286

Councilman Hunt made a motion to amend the Soil & Water budget to \$34,286. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Environmental Health	
01	60,725
02	4,400
03	8,900
04	0
Total	74,025

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Environmental Health budget to 74,025. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Highway (phase 1) (Engineer & Clerk taken out)	
01	98,600
02	650
03	8,300
04	0
Total	107,550

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Highway (Phase 1) budget to 107,550. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1- (McAuliffe nay, Hunt abstain).

Councilman McAuliffe asked how much would need to be put back in for Engineering services and how much money would we lose by doing that. Councilman Hunt stated that the Highway lost \$300,000 from C.E.D.I.T. and now they are going to have to put \$200,000 towards insurance.

Reassessment	
01	173,102

02	14,000
03	48,800
04	167,494
Total	403,400

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to amend Reassessment budget to 403,400. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (McAuliffe abstained).

Surveyor	
01	52,523
02	2,300
03	2,340
04	100
Total	57,263

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to amend Surveyor budget to 57,263. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 5-1-1 (Hunt nay, McAuliffe abstained).

Councilman McAuliffe asked if the Auditor's stipend was still in and the Commissioners said yes. Councilman McAuliffe is against giving it and he will check with the State to see if it is ok.

Councilman Duckwall thanked everyone. Councilwoman Mull thanked Council President Duckwall for all he does.

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted

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